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SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction 6/72 (SAGITTARIUS)

TO: See Distribution

1. References:

a. GHQ LOI 1/71 (AQUARIUS) dtd 18 Mar 71.

b. AFP OPLAN DIAMOND 1/66 as updated.

c. OPLAN ISMA 1/70 as amended.

d. Revised AFP Contingency Plan for Mindanao and Sulu dtd 11 Jan 71.

e. Current Intelligence Summaries.

f. AFP SCAP FY 72.

g. OPLAN 2/71 (MABOLO)

2. SITUATION:

a. Subversion/insurgent elements have infiltrated a considerable number of organizations, schools, business establishments, labor groups, and government institutions throughout the country and are plotting the overthrow of the established government. These elements belong to the CPP, HMB, AB-MAG and NPA groups and to such radical organizations as the KM, SDK, MPKP, and MASAKA. They consist mostly of student activists, professionals, intellectuals and labor/peasant leaders who are capable of influencing and inciting the people to rebel against our established institutions and government, either by peaceful or violent means.

b. Additionally, the country is faced by a different but equally potent threat from the "extreme right" who undermine our national security by acts of economic sabotage and by perpetuating local political power centers inimical to national unity and a desired environment of peace and stability. A climate of unrest prevails in Mindanao, particularly in the provinces of Cotabato, Lanao, Zamboanga del Sur and Sulu, by the continued depredations of Christian and Muslim armed elements and the threat of the MIM secessionist movement.

/3. PURPOSE OF LOI:

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3. PURPOSE OF LOI:

This LOI provides necessary contingency planning between NOW and Condition I OPLAN 2/71 (MABOLO) when GHQ shall take overall responsibility for operations.

4. MISSION:

The AFP undertakes unilateral operations to prevent, contain, neutralize and/or destroy varying threats to internal security from subversion, insurgent and/or rightist elements in the country.

5. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

a. In addition to their existing organization per TOE, all AFP units will be organized into as many rifle (Inf) platoons, companies and battalions as possible with the capability of sustained employment for at least 48 hours without resupply in both conventional and unconventional warfare. The PAF and PN (minus Marine Bde) and AFPWSSUs will be organized as per TOE Inf Bn without the peculiar heavy weapons of the Inf Bn.

b. GHQ will determine and announce daily the prevailing internal defense condition (IDC) in each military zone; in each operational area of task forces under GHQ, and in the Greater Manila Area based on the prescribed criteria (Incl 1).

c. All AFP units will perform their normal TOE mission during IDC "NORMAL". During IDCI, the CPC and Commanders of task forces under control of GHQ, AFP will take necessary action to contain, neutralize or destroy existing internal threats in their respective jurisdiction supported/reinforced by other major services as deemed necessary by the situation. During IDC II, CG, PA and Commanders of Task forces under control of GHQ, AFP will assume responsibility for the conduct of operations to contain, neutralize or destroy threats to internal security in their operational areas supported/reinforced by the other major services as deemed necessary by the situation. When IDC III is declared, GHQ assumes overall responsibility for the conduct of operations to restore normalcy or reduce internal threats. OPLAN 2/71 (MABOLO) is in effect on IDC III.

6. TASKS:

a. Philippine Constabulary -

(1) Undertakes operations to contain, neutralize or destroy internal security threats as soon as IDC I is declared by GHQ, AFP.

(2) Reports situation and/or progress of operations in each military zone to J3C, GHQ AFP NLT 1200H daily.

/(3) Prepares to

(3) Prepares to support other major services on combat requirements as requested/directed.

(4) Prepares for attachments of PA units during IDC I.

(5) Organizes trains, and equips one control HQ (TOE/TD TBA) for employment on orders.

b. Philippine Army -

(1) Prepares to support the PC under IDC I.

(2) Undertakes operations to contain, neutralize or destroy internal security threats as soon as IDC II is declared by GHQ, AFP.

(3) Prepares for attachment of PC units during IDC II.

(4) Organizes, trains, and equips one (1) control HQ (TOE/TD TBA) for employment on orders.

c. Philippine Air Force -

(1) Provides air support to the major services and AFPMSSUs as requested/directed.

(2) Provides reconstituted ground troops support as directed.

d. Philippine Navy -

(1) Supports the major services and AFPMSSUs with naval requirements.

(2) Provides reconstituted ground troops support as directed.

e. Other AFPMSSUs -

(1) Support the major services with requirements peculiar to their respective unit capabilities.

(2) Provide reconstituted ground troops support as directed.

f. Task Forces under Control of GHQ, AFP -

(1) Undertake operations to contain, neutralize or destroy internal security threats under IDC I and II.

(2) Report situation and/or progress of operations in respective areas of operations to JOC, GHQ AFP NLT 1200H daily.

(3) Prepare for attachment/detachment of units.

g. GHQ -

(1) Assumes overall responsibility for the conduct of operations to restore order when IDC III is declared.

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(2) Implements OPLAN 2/71 (MABOLO) as soon as IDC III is announced.

b. Reserve -

Marine Bde (-).
One (1) Inf Bn as designated by CG, PA.
AFPWSSUs organized under this plan.

7. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. EEI: Criteria for determining IDC (Incl 1).

b. IDC III under this plan is Condition I under OPLAN 2/71 (MABOLO).

c. All units maintain daily IDC at respective TOCs.

d. All units submit to JOC, GHQ AFP NLT 1200H every Monday number and location of uncommitted platoons (not organic to a company), companies (not organic to a battalion) and battalions as organized under this plan. However, significant changes should be reported as they occur.

e. Following strength of units will be maintained at camps, posts and stations during IDCs indicated:

IDC	Per cent Effective Strength
Normal	30%
IDC I	50%
IDC II	75%
IDC III	100%

f. Units organized under this plan shall be trained in both conventional and unconventional warfare including employment against all forms of civil disturbance and for disaster and relief operations.

g. Unit integrity shall be maintained as much as possible in troop deployments. Where two or more major services participate, command relationship shall be determined by GHQ, AFP. Operational areas of task forces under GHQ control shall be delimited.

h. This LOI supersedes all previous instructions/plans issued on the same subject like LOI 1/71 (SAGITTARIUS), Revised Contingency Plan for Mindanao and Sulu, etc.

i. Lateral coordination authorized and encouraged.

/8. Submit implementing

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8. Submit implementing plans NLT 16 Sep 1972.

9. Acknowledge.

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